



ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair to excellent, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on three-fourths of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Sheep continued to graze on various alfalfa fields in many areas, and is just over half complete. Barley conditions were mostly fair to good and Durum Wheat conditions were mostly good to excellent. Rangeland conditions varied widely from very poor to good, depending on location. Central Arizona fruit and vegetable growers shipped Bok Choy, broccoli, Chinese cabbage, red and green cabbage, cilantro, kale greens, and parsley last week. Western Arizona growers shipped anise, arugula, broccoli, Chinese cabbage, red and green cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale greens, various lettuce including Boston, iceberg, romaine, green and red leaf lettuce, parsley, spinach, and Swiss chard last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	100	95	100	100
Emerged	90	85	93	98
Cotton				
Planted.....	32	9	30	25
Durum wheat				
Emerged	100	99	99	95
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	92	90	91	89
Emerged	30	25	60	36

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	10	11	18	15
Poor	10	10	32	22
Fair	35	35	36	35
Good.....	41	40	14	24
Excellent.....	4	4	0	4

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Days suitable for fieldwork	7.0	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	2	1	NA
Short.....	21	21	36	NA
Adequate	70	70	63	NA
Surplus	7	7	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	--	NA
Short.....	17	17	34	NA
Adequate	81	81	66	NA
Surplus	2	2	--	NA

NA – not available

(--) - Zero

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay.....	5	1	14	36	44
Barley	2	6	62	24	6
Durum wheat.....	--	2	8	73	17
Winter wheat.....	10	20	30	25	15

(--) - Zero

Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics by State/Arizona/Publications/Crop Progress & Condition/2015/AZ Weather 04052015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/AZ_Weather_04052015.pdf)